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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (RCE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply constitutes a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (RCE). This Amendment and Reply is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2002, and is being submitted on or before the payment of the Issue Fee which is currently due on or before August 19, 2002. Prior to the continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.